GATHERING OF BUSINESS MEN

Constitution and By-Laws Entail Considerable Discussion.

A COMMITTEE MEETING

NEW YORK, February 24.-The commit tee on organization of the National Sound Money League, about thirty business men from various sections of the country, attended a conference in the rooms of the chamber of commerce today.

Henry Hentz, vice president of the chamber of commerce and chairman of the committee, called the meeting to order and welcomed the delegates to the city.

George E. Layton of St. Louis was elected chairman, and E. V. Smalley of St. Paul secretary.

Considerable discussion arose over the adoption of the proposed constitution and by-laws. The preamble contained several references to the democracy as "the defeated party," and the gold democrats ob-

Another section, reading, "The new national administration having received the mandate of the nation to maintain the gold standard by every means in its power, the league will consider it its further duty to support the efforts of the legislative power in the fulfillment of the task," was also

Edward Atkinson of Boston voiced the sentiments of the delegates when he said that "the sound money party is greater than any executive and will whip them both into line". both into line. The by-laws were amended on motion of

A. B. Hepburn to read: "All American citizens are eligible to membership" instead of "respectable," as in the original draft. There was considerable discussion over a section in the constitution which proposed that "all action with reference to legisla-tive measures should only emanate from executive committee.'

The idea was vigorously combated by Representative Cowen of Baltimore, Representative Fowler of New Jersey, Murray F. Smith. H. A. Garfield and others. Mr. Garfield said its effect would be to put on the brakes at the very point when it may become important to ac-

Edward Atkinson of Boston said that as he silver power had concentrated its efferts on Congress, unless the league did the same it would be beaten every time.

MR. BRYAN'S ENTERTAINMENT.

A Wrangle in the Missouri Semate

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., February 24.-In the senate a wrangle occurred over Senater Pear's resolution to pay the expenses incurred by the joint committee in entertaining William J. Bryan last Saturday. The Pear resolution contained an itemized account of the expenses incurred in receivit g and entertaining Mr. Bryan. The whole amount was \$33, and he asked that the senate pay one-half of this out of its contirgent fund and the house pay the rest. The heavy items in the account were due to a young woman from Illinois, who, because of her energy in pushing the sale of campaign buttons, is facetiously known as "Buttons." She charged \$3 apiece for the ten badges furnished the members of the reception committee: 25 cents each for ter Bryan buttons and \$12 railroad fare for trips to St. Louis in procuring the paraphernalia used by the committee. Senators Mott and Davison attacked the account rather savagely.

Senator Gray contended that the entire

legislature, irrespective of political opinion or affiliation, had invited Mr. Bryan to Jefferson City, and common decency dictated that there be no wrangle over the payment of the expenses incurred in entertaining him. The resolution was finally adopted by a vote of 20 to 9.

QUEEN'S DRAWING ROOM. First of the Season Held at Bucking-

ham Palace.

LONDON, February 24.-The first drawing room of the season was held today, with all due and appropriate ceremonial. The queen was wheeled from her private apartments to the throne room, and during the ceremony sat on a low chair, draped with scarlet and gold, placed in front of the throne. The Princess of Wales and Princess Christian where on one side of her majesty and the Duke of Connaught on

Only the members of the diplomatic corps and privileged members of the aristocracy who had the entree were received by the queen, and her majesty left before the gen-eral presentations, which were taken by the Princess of Wales in behalf of her majesty. In the absence of Lady Salisbury the Duchess of Devonshire presented the diplomatic ladies.

Aside from the ambassadors there were

few gentlemen present. Each ambassador was accompanied by a secretary. The queen addressed a few words to each of the ambassadors as they filed past, and the secretaries, who followed closely, mere-ly bowed. The weather was cloudy and

The Americans presented were Mrs. Marshall Fox and her daughter, Miss Ethel; Miss Maynard Butler of Boston and

NO NEWS FROM THE INDIANS.

Governor Sadler of Nevada Believes They Have Quieted Down

CARSON, Nev., February 24.-Governor Sadler waited patiently in his office all day for some communication from Adjutant General Galusha, whom he sent to look after the reported Indian uprising in Mason Valley, but no word came from that official. The governor regards this silence as good proof that the Indians have quieted down. He has every confidence in the adjutant general, and is thoroughly satisfied that if any trouble exists he would have been speedily notified.

FAREWELL TO JUDGE MCKENNA.

Three Hundred Leading Citizens Par

ticipate in the Demonstration. SAN FRANCISCO, February 24.-The complimentary banquet given at the Palace Hotel last night to Joseph McKenna was a notable affair. Three hundred citizens of California, representatives of effihim a distinguished career in the cabinet councils of the nation," Judge McKenna said: "I shall go into the cabinet a Californian—that is my highest title. I shall go into the cabinet the first Californian—that is my admiration and incentive. I shall be succeeded by abler men, but none, I hope, with better intentions."

Hampered by Overhead Wires. ST. LOUIS, February 24.-The St. Louis Merchants' Exchange building took fire at 2:30 o'clock this morning. The building occupied an entire block. The fire department was being hampered by the mass of electric light and other wires which surround the building. The biggest water tower the department owns toppled over into the nest of wires and retarded work on the fire far over ten minutes. The building is la and old. The total loss

BISHOP OF BUFFALO. Rev. James E. Quigley Elevated to

BUFFALO, N. Y., February 24.-The Rev. James E. Quigley, rector of St. Bridget's Church in this city, was today elevated to the position of bishop of the Roman Catholic diocese of Buffalo. Archbishop Corrigan officiated as consecrator, and his assistants in the ceremony were Bishop McQuald of Rochester, Bishop Mc-Bisnop McQuaid of Rochester, Bisnop McDonneil of Brooklyn, Dean Brougham of
Batavia, Fr. Vanderpool of Leroy and Frs.
Connoy and Hoelscher of this city. Besides those named there were present
Archbishop Walsh of Toronto, Bishops
Gabriels, Wigger and McFaul, Mgrs. Sbaretti and De Regge and Fr. Bandinelli, head
of the Passionist Order in this city.

of the Passionist Order in this city. Bishop of Cheyenne Consecrated. DUBUQUE, Iowa, February 24.-Rev. Thos. Lineham of Fort Dodge was today consecrated bishop of Cheyenne, in St. Raphael's Cathedral, by Archbishop Hen nessy, assisted by a large number of noted prelates. There were nearly a dozen bishops and more than a hundred priests present from this and adjoining dioceses. A special train from Fort Dodge brought 300 of Father Lineham's parishioners and

hundreds came from other places. Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia. PHILADELPHIA, February 24.-Right Rev. Edmond F. Prendergrast of St. Malich's parish, named by Pope Leo XIII to be auxiliary bishop of Philadelphia, was consecrated with the title of bishop of Scillio in partibus infidelium in the cathedral in this city today. The appointment of Right Rev. Prendergrast was announced at a public consistory held by the pope at the vatican on December 3 last. Architecher Prendergrast was announced at the vatican on December 3 last. bishop Ryan officiated as consecrator, and was assisted by Bishop Phelan of Pitts-turg and Bishop Horstmann of Cleveland.

GEORGIA OFFICE SEEKERS.

Three Train Loads Are Coming to the inauguration.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star. ATLANTA, Ga., February 24.-Three train loads of office seekers will go from Georgia to the inauguration. T. H. Martin, president of the Atlanta McKinley Club, is arranging for one special train. This will carry the candidates for such offices as consulships, assistants to secre taries of departments, first and second-class post offices and collectors of customs.

Jim Bledsoe, who used to be a deputy collector of internal revenue, is getting up another excursion party to travel on a special train. His party will comprise candidates for such jobs as deputy marshal, third and fourthclass post offices, and \$1,000 to \$1,500 places around the departments in Washington. In addition to these, some parties in south addition to these, some parties in south Georgia are getting up an excursion which will be composed chiefly of the faithful colored brothers. This element wants recognition under Major McKinley, and will invade the capital to ask it.

Col. A. E. Buck, the republican leader in Georgia, antagonized the colored wing

Col. A. E. Buck, the republican leader in Georgia, antagonized the colored wing of the party last year, but he picked the winner and carried the state for McKinley, while the negro leaders were chiefly for Reed and Morton. Major McKinley's nomination put Col. Buck on top, and no doubt is entertained here that he will practically name the men from Georgia who will get name the men from Georgia who will get the offices. The colonel has been in Canton himself, and this has raised him immensely in the eyes of his party associates. He is the only Georgian who has been invited o visit Canton.

Col. Buck is understood to be an appli-

cant for the position of minister to Mex-ico. He has been marshal of the northern ico. He has been marshai of the northern district under two or three Presidents. He was one of the real original McKinley leaders, and figured with Mr. H. H. Kohlsaat and Mr. Hanna at the famous Thomasville conference two years ago.

If Col. Buck goes away Walter Johnson of Columbus may be marshal of the north-ern district. There are two applicants for collector of internal revenue for Georgia,

collector of internal revenue for Georgia, Major W. H. Smythe and H. L. Rucker. Both are from Atlanta.

Ed. Angier of Atlanta, S. A. Darnell of Ed. Angier of Atlanta, S. A. Darnell of Pickens county and a man named Jenkins are applicants for appointment as district attorney of the northern district. Darnell has been attorney here under President Harrison. In the southern district the candidates for district attorney are W. R. Leaken of Savannah, Marfon Irwin of Macon and F. C. Roatight of Thison. Macon and F. G. Boatright of Tifton. Er-win has been assistant district attorney under both republican and democratic Pres-

idents, and was district attorney under Tom F. Johnson of Savannah wants his old office. He was collector of customs there under Presidents Arthur and Harrion. He has been in office under every republican administration for twenty years. He is a son of ex-Governor Hersehel V. Johnson, who was a candidate for Vice President on the ticket with Stephen A.

Douglas in 1860.

The Atlanta post office is one of the best places in the state, having recently been raised to the first class. Ex-Postmaster J. R. Lewis, A. N. Wilson, who was post-master at Savannah; W. H. Smythe and J. C. Hendrix are after this place. Hen drix was the republican candidate for Congress in this district last fall. The Savan nah post office will probably go to Joe Doyle, who had it four years ago. Doyle was a candidate for Congress in Colone Lester's district last November

THE TOBACCO TRUST.

How the Companies Were Rated on

NEW YORK, February 24.-James B Duke, president of the American Tobacco Company, was one of the first to appear today in the room of the joint legislative committee on trusts. He brought with him the statistics asked for yesterday by Senator Lexow. The papers show that prior to the incorporation of the American Tobacco Company in 1890, the several companies gave employment to 5,895 tobacco workers. Today the number of employes in the employ of the company is 9,194, making an increase since the date of consolidation in the number of hands of 3.230.

In calling to order Chairman Lexow said:
"It is the intention of the committee to investigate the so-called coal trust tomorrow. Charges have been male that the coal combination is the most victous trust that exists, and certain newspapers have made specific charges of the existence of this combination or trust." his combination or trust."

President Duke then took the stand. He said that the capital stock of the New Jersey concern prior to consolidation was \$10,000, which, with the acquisition of the various companies, was increased to \$25,-000,000. This was subsequently raised to \$79,830,000. Good will, such as patents and trademarks cost \$1,000,000.

"How much did Allen & Ginter receive?"
"The same as the Duke Company, \$7,ceived \$4,990,000 in stock, with a guaran-tee of \$1,500,000 in live assets. W. S. Kim-ball & 4Co., \$2,389,000, and the Goodwin Company \$2,499,400 for common and pre-

ets of the various companies?

"About \$5,000,000 worth of stock."
"And how much for good will?"
"Nineteen million, nine hundred and ninety thousand dollars."

An Eccentric Character. LOCK HAVEN, Pa., February 24 .- A

party of men searching for Ralph Cross, a hermit mine prospector who had been missing from his cabin near Kilborne, Potter county, found his body beneath a huge pile of clay, which had caved in on him while he was at work. Cross was an eccentric individual. His hair was down over his individual. His hair was down over his shoulders, and he lived as a hermit more than a score of years. When he visited a village he would quote Shakespeare with fluency. He was the first to discover the coal beds at Arnot, forty years ago. At one time Cross was worth \$100,000, which he received for valuable coal lands. He placed his wealth in his wife's care. She ran off with another man, taking his money.

Ocean Steamships Arrived. NEW YORK, February 24.-Arrived Spaarndam, Rotterdam; Patria, Marseilles;

SOUTHAMPTON, February 24.-Arrived St. Louis, New York.

PHILADELPHIA, February 24.—The International Navigation Company received a cablegram today stating that the steamship Ohfo has arrived at La Guayra.

DISTRICT LAWMAKING

The Water Main Tax Bill Passes the House.

TIME-CONSUMING INTERRUPTIONS

Other District Bills Called Up by Chairman Babcock.

WEARISOME DISCUSSION

Although the House agreed by unaninous consent last Monday to give today for the consideration of District bills, Mr Powers of Vermont interposed this afternoon with a conference report on one of his Pacific railroad bills. Inasmuch as a conference report is privileged and could be called up at any other time without loss of place, Mr. Babcock endeavored to have it walt until the District business should be out of the way. Mr. Powers, however, persisted and District business had to give

After half an hour's delay upon this mat ter the committee on accounts came for ward with a report relative to some House employes which consumed more time. An item in the report to pay three clerks of committees \$2,500 to prepare a digest of the work of their committees aroused

a great deal of opposition. Seeing that the District day was likely to be wasted, Mr. Tracy (Mo.), who brought in the report, asked to withdraw it. Mr. Johnson (Ind.), however, whose committee clerk was one of the proposed beneficiaries, objected and insisted upon ection. jected, and insisted upon action

A Humorous Speech.

Mr. Johnson of California enlivened the preceedings by making a humorous speech in opposition to the report. The matter was further discussed until nearly 2 o'clock, and by a vote of 72 to 30 was referred to the committee on printing, but Mr. Johnson of Indiana raised the point of no quorum.

The Speaker counted those present and announced a quorum, but Mr. Johnson demanded tellers. This, however, was refised, and the motion to refer was car Finally, shortly after 2 o'clock, Mr. Bab-

cock obtained the floor and called up the bill to amend the law relating to the removal of snow and ice. This bill has passed the Senate, and the House, on Mr. Babcock's motion, concurred in the Senate amendment. Then it was discovered that there was a clerical corner in the bill and there was a elerical error in the bill, and it was sent into conference for correction. The bill to relieve Francisco Perna from the operations of the act to restrict alien ownership of land was called up. This person being an alien, bought land in the District without being aware of the law prohibiting alien ownership and now cannot hibiting allen ownership, and now cannot exercise the rights of ownership. Mr. Blue of Kansas opposed the bill. Mr. Wellington of Maryland explained the case and the bill was passed.

The Water Main Bill. Mr. Babcock then called up the bill to authorize the reassessment of water main taxes in the District of Columbia. The effect of this bill, according to the report, "is such that an owner of unsubdivided land can open streets through his property, and need not fear the levying of assessments for the water main, arbitrarily laid, so long as he does not subdivide the land into lots and blocks. On the other hand, the District would be fully protected, since it could insist upon the complete subdivis-ion of the land into lots and blocks as a prerequisite to the laying of water mains in all cases where that is desirable; and,

law, the District would be able to collect its assessments as soon as water had been introduced into the abutting lot." The bill was passed without amendment The bill was passed without amendment.
Mr. Babcock then called up the bill dedicating the Potomac flats as a public park,
under the name of Potomac Park.
A point of order was made that this bill
should be considered in committee of the
whole, and the House resolved itself into

n any event, should this measure becom

committee for this purpose.

Mr. Babccek said the object of the bill was to preserve the reclaimed flats from being used for any other purpose than that of a public park. Mr. Dockery offered an amendment providing that one-half the sum already expended by the United States in reclaiming the flats shall be reimbursed to the United States by the District of Columbia.

SIX PERSONS KILLED.

Terrible Explosion of Nitro-Glycerine in Scotland.

PAISLEY, Scotland, February 24.-An xplosion of nitro-glycerine has taken place at Nobel's dynamite works, Ayreshire. Six persons were killed and several were injured. The explosion was heard here, fif-teen miles from the works, and the con-cussion extinguished the gas lamps at Kil-wirning, three miles away.

To Protect the Fisheries.

The President has sent to Congress a re port of the commissioners appointed under the act of 1892 to examine into the condition and recommend the best method of protecting fisheries in contiguous watere of the United States and Canada. The report is very voluminous, containing cor-

respondence between the governments and reports upon the subject of fisheries.

Two Gunboats to Be Launched. The Navy Department has been notified by the Union iron works of California that the gunboats Marietta and Wheeling will be launched at San Francisco on the 18th of March. These are twin-screw composite gunboats, of 1,000 tons displacement, intended for river and shoal water service. Although among the last of the light-draft gunboats to be launched, it is said at the gunboats to be launched, it is said at the Navy Department that these will be so far advanced when they are launched, the ma-chinery and other internal portions being in place, that there will not be much differerce in the time of completion of all of the boats, whether building east or west.

Gompers on the Eight-Hour Day. Samuel Gompers of the American Federation of Labor and James Duncan, secretary of Granite Cutters' National Union, appeared before the House committee on labor today to advocate the passage of a

bill restricting work on government build-it gs to eight hours a day. To Test the New Dry Dock. The Navy Department has given the nec-

ssary orders for the acceptance test of the new dry dock at the New York navy yard. The trial board will consist of Capt. Geo. C. Romey of the Boston yard, Naval Constructor Hanscom and Civil Engineer Walcott of the League Island yard. The battle ship Massachusetts will be used to battle ship Massachusetts will be used to make the trial, contrary to the usual practice, which has been to use one of the tough, indestructible bottomed monitors. This will be done not only because none of the monitors is at New York just now, but also because the Massachusetts has been so many months out of dock that it is very necessary to clean and paint her bottom to guard against corrosion.

Naval Movements.

The Massachusetts has arrived at Tomp kinsville, the New York and Indiana at Newport News and the Columbia at Hampton Roads. The Dolphin has sailed from Charleston for Washington. The Vesuvius has arrived at Jacksonville to engage in the patrol of the Florida coast. Fast Mail Provision Remains.

The post office appropriation bill was reported today. The provision of the southern fast mail remains in the bill as it came from the House. Major Handy's Affection. CHICAGO, February 24.-Moses P. Han-

dy, jr., the eighteen-year-old son of Major Moses P. Handy, died here today. The cause of death was a blood clot at the base of the brain.

ROBBED IN NEW YORK.

The Claim Made by Joseph H. Kerr of This City Being Investigated. News has been received at police head-quarters from the police officials of New York city that a young man giving the name of Joseph H. Kerr, and claiming to be from this city, has reported to them that he had been robbed in New York of \$3,200. The police are asked to ascertain, if possible, if it is likely that the young man had that much money with him. Kerr claimed that on, the death of his father he received \$2,500 out of a life insurance of \$10,000, and that recently he made \$700

\$10,000, and that recently he made \$700 playing the stock market at two brekerage establishments in this city.

The local officers have discovered that the young man's story as to the \$2,500 is correct, but that he received the money over a year ago, and they have found that the statement as to winning \$700 in stocks is not correct. The young man is said to have borre a good reoutation, but the police here do not credit the story told by him to the New York police officials.

Kerr is a young man of twenty-eight. Kerr is a young man of twenty-eight, single and a speculator. He was for some time employed in men's furnishing stores, afterward taking afterward taking a clerkship in the Washington Gaslight Company. He left the employ of the gas company about a year ago and since then has devoted his time to stock speculation. He lives at 503 Florida avenue with his sister.

Yesterday noon he announced that he was going to New York for a day or two on business. He had intended to give some money to his sister, but said the bank had given him a large bill only, and as he had no other he would defer giving her money until he returned. It is thought he had not

Insurance Company Officers Elected. At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Arlington Fire Insurance Company, held today, the following were elected directors for the ensuing year: Judge Walter S. Cox, Frederick L. Moore, William Galt, Drs. J. W. H. Lovejoy, Dr. W. W. Johnston, S. Thomas Brown, James S. Edwards, Samuel L. Phillips, Charles R. Edmonston, Herbert A. Gill and W. Bladen Jackson. Tomorrow the directors will organize and elect officers.

more than two or three hundred dollars

with him when he left here.

Death of Mrs. Black.

News was received in this city today of the sudden death this morning at her home at Brockie, York county, Pa., of Mrs. Mary Forward Black, widow of Judge Jeremiah S. Black, at one time Attorney General of the United States. Mrs. Black is the mother of Chauncey F. Black, one of the leading democrats of Pennsylvania, and of Mrs. Isham Hornsby of this city.

Michael L. Sullivan's Will.

The will of the late Michael L. Sullivan dated February 10, 1897, and naming Wm. McGuire as executor, was filed today. After the payment of \$100 to Father Ryan for masses, the estate is to be divided be-tween Catherine Kelly, an aunt, and Bridget Baldwin, a cousin, the latter tak-

A Naval Resignation.

Assistant Paymaster Wm. P. Brawley of the navy, attached to the U.S. S. Yantic, now at Montevideo, on the South Atlantic station, has resigned from the navy, on account, it is reported, of trouble with his brother officers on the Yantic. Mr. Braw-ley is the son of ex-Representative Brawley of Charleston, S. C., and was appointed an assistant paymaster by President Cleveland

To Command the Oregon.

Capt. A. S. Parker has been detached from duty at the Mare Island navy yard and ordered to command the battle ship Oregon March 20, relieving Capt. H. L. Howison, who is ordered home and placed on waiting orders.

Amnesty in Mearngun.

Minister Baker at Managua, Nicaragua, reports to the State Department that the president of Nicaragua has granted complete amnesty to all those who participated in the rebellion of February 24, 1896, and those implicated in the conspiracy of September S, 1896. The minister says that the government also recognizes as debts against the state the forced loans taken from citizens of the republic during and sirce the war, and has agreed to return with a view to securing action. gevernment also recognizes

Army Orders. Lieut. James A. Moss, 25th Infantry, has been granted leave of absence for one

month. The following transfers in the 8th Cav-

airy have been made: Lieut. Joseph T. Ctabbs, from Troop D to Troop M, and Lieut. A. G. Lott, from Troop M to Troop

Naval Orders. Lieut. W.-C. Hannum has been ordered to duty at the navy yard, New York. George E. Freeman has been appointed pay clerk for the Massachusetts, and Charles W. Loomis pay clerk for the Port Royal naval station. The resignation of Pay Clerk I. S. Edsall has been accepted.

The training ship Essex has sailed from The training smp essex has salled from Barbadoes for St. Kitts, W. I., and the Texas has left Galveston, Tex., for New Orleans, where she will be joined during the mardi gras by the Maine.

Mails on Electric Cars.

Senator Chandler today reported from the committee on post offices and post roads the amendment to the post office appropriation bill proposed by Senator Hill appropriating \$235,000 for carrying mail on electric and cable cars.

Applications for Consular Places. Representative Smith of Michigan today introduced a resolution calling on the Secretary of State for information as to the number of applications made for appointment in the consular service since the order of September 20, 1825, providing for exami-nation; the number of appointments and rejections; also the names, residence and citizenship of all aliens now representing the United States in any consular or diplo-matic capacity and the salary they receive.

The Leavenworth Soldiers' Home. The report of the House special committee to investigate the management of the Leavenworth Soldiers' Home has been completed. It recommends the removal of the governor of the home and the change of all

Other recommendations are that all branches of the homes, valued at about \$5,000,000, be put directly under the control The post funds, it is recommended, should be placed under the control of the govern-

Gen. Merfitt's Personal Staff. Maj. Gen. Wasley Merritt, commanding the military department of the Missouri, with headquarters at Chicago, who will have con mand of the regular troops in the inaugural procession, has selected his personal staff as follows: Col. J. B. Babcock,

adjutant general, and Lieuts, Harry C. Hale, 20th fefantry; Lewis H. Strother, 1st It fantry, and fl. Bentley Mott, 1st Artil-lery, as alds-de-namp. The Health Office Ambulance.

The new ambulance of the health de-partment, designed especially for transporting cases of contagious disease, made its first appearance on the streets today. The vehicle is drawn by one horse, a large The vehicle is drawn by one horse, a large bay. The lower part of the body of the ambulance is painted a deep blue, while the upper portion is of a saffron hue. Above the driver's seat is a sign, "Health Department," and on each side is "Ambulance."

The ambulance is equipped with every modern facility, including patent verifilators and other inventions and arrangements for preventing, so far as be possible, the spread of infectious germs as the patient is transported.

The Post Office Appropriation Bill. The Senate committee on appropriations today completed its consideration of the post office appropriation bill, and Senator
Allison reported it to the Senate. The committee recommends a net increase of \$50,000 over the expenditure provided for by
the bill as it passed the House, making a
total of \$55,886,888.

CUBAN RESOLUTIONS

Three Different Ones Offered in the Senate Today.

DEMAND FOR SANGUILLY'S RELEASE

Unanimous Action of the Foreign Relations Committee.

MATTERS IN THE HOUSE

The Senate began work at 11 o'clock today in order to push forward the appropriation bills. Less than a dozen senator were present at that time, but busines proceeded in the absence of a suggestion of no quorum. Mr. Vilas (Wis.) secured the passage of

the House bill amending the postal laws, so as to provide indemnity up to \$10 for loss of registered mail matter. The bill now goes to the President.

Mr. Nelson (Minn.) endeavored to have a time fixed for a final vote on the bankruptcy bill, suggesting next Friday at 2 o.m., but there were several objections and no agreement was effected. Mr. Quay (Pa.) moved to take up the bil

"I have the honor respectfully to submit for consideration of Congress the following statement as to the condition of vault No. 7 in the office of the treasurer of the United States, U.S. treasury building, Wash-irgton, D. C., used for the safe-keeping of bonds held on account of national banks to extending the time for building the Duluth oridge, so-called, over the St. Louis river etween Wisconsin and Minnesota. Mr. Vilas contested the motion, and a roll call threatened to bring business to a standstill for want of a quorum. Senators were hastily summoned, and the motion was defeated, 17-29. oonds held on account of national banks to secure circulation and deposits of public moneys, and bonds held on account of the various trust funds, with the earnest revarious trust tainds, with the earnest request that an appropriation of \$30,000 be made to provide for the construction and erection of a burglar-proof extension and for making the present vault burglar-proof. This estimate is submitted as the result of a careful examination by the experts connected with the office of the supervising architect.

Cuban Developments.

This led up to several Cuban developments. Mr. Allen (Neb.) first opened that subject by offering the following resolution: "Resolved, That it is the sense of the Senate that the President should speedily and effectually protect the lives and liberties of peaceful American citizens residing or sojourning in Cuba, and that he should promptly insist that Spain, in her war against her colonies in that island, should conduct the same on principles of civilized warfare, eliminating all unusual and unnecessary cru#lty and barbarity, and for the enforcement of these reasonable and just requirements United States battle ships should be sent without delay to Cuoan waters. Mr. Gray (Del.) and Mr. Quay suggested

that the resolution should go over until tomorrow, and this order was made. Mr. Hill (N.Y.) followed with the following resolution, which was agreed to with-

out comment;
"Resolved, That the Secretary of State be, and he hereby is, requested to transmit to the Senate either in open or secret session, as he may prefer, all the correspondence and reports of the consul general of the United States at Havana relating t all American citizens now in prison in the Island of Cuba not previously reported The Sanguilly Case.

With the adoption of this resolution, Mr Morgan took the floor and presented from the committee on foreign relations the fol-

lowing joint resolution: That the government of the United States demands the immediate and unconditional release of Julio Sanguilly, a citizen of the United States, from imprisonment under the charges that are pending and that are being prosecuted against him in the mili-

tary and civil courts of Cuba upon alleged grounds of rebellion and kidnapping, con-trary to the treaty rights of each of said governments and in violation of the laws of nations. And the President of the United States is requested to communicate this resolution to the government of Spain and to demand of that government such compensation as he shall deem just for the imprisonment and sufferings of Julio San-

The reading of the resolution was fol-lowed with the closest attention by sena-

Mr. Sherman, chairman of the committee added a few words. The resolution was re-ported by the unanimous vote of the committee, he said, and while he would not urge that it be taken up today, he hoped it would be acted on tomorrow.

The resolution then went over. The Indian Appropriation Bill. When the Indian bill was taken up Mr. Quay took the floor in order to discuss the

Duluth bridge bill. It soon led to some spirited comments between Mr. Vilas and Mr. Nelson. The former opposed the bill. Mr. Nelson declared that the bill merely asked an extension of time to build a bridge essential to communication between Duluth and Superior, and which gave employment to a large number of men. He characterized the opposition of Mr. He characterized the opposition of Mr. Vilas as about the "most paltry and meanest" he could think of. It seemed to him plain words should be used, and he considered such opposition as partaking of a dog-in-

the-manger policy.

Mr. Vilas came back with the statement that Mr. Nelson was incorrect in his facts. After further discussion the Senate got back to the Indian bill.

Mr. Gallinger (N H.) took occasion to comment on reports of alleged abuses of the Osage Indians.. These reports, if true, he said, constituted a scandal in our In-dian administration and a reproach to our nation. According to reports the Indians were fleeced and at the mercy of the traders. A long discussion followed as to the alleged suppression of a weekly newspaper in the Osage country by Lieut. Col. Freeman on the alleged ground that it criticised his official action.

his official action.

Mr. Allen (Neb.) related the results of his personal inquiries, and Mr. Jones (Ark.) resented the attacks on the name of a

Gen. Casey's Widow's Pension. The bill was laid aside for the passage of the Senate bill, with House amendment, granting a pension to the widow of Gen.

Casey, late chief of engineers, U. S. A. at \$50 per month. Mr. Frye took occasion to pay a high tribute to Gen. Casey's work and to say that the House reduction to \$50 was accepted only because of the late ness of the session

A Stormy Incident. At one point, while Mr. Allen was speaking, there was a stormy incident. Mr. Perkins (Cal.) was temporarily in the chair. Mr. Gallinger endeavored to be heard, saying he had yielded to Mr. Allen. "For how long does the senator yield?"

asked Mr. Perkins.
"I do not know." exclaimed Mr. Aller "I do not know," exclaimed Mr. Allen with savage emphasis, "what concern it is of the presiding officer how long the senator yields. I am not here to be badgered by the presiding officer of this Senate, and hope it will not occur again.' The presiding officer made no response and Mr. Allen went on with his speech closing with sarcastic thanks to the pre-siding officer for having allowed him to speak.

THE HOUSE.

At the opening of the session of the House today Mr. Powers (Vt.) called up the conference report on the bill to define the rights of the purchasers under fore closure sale of the Atlantic and Pacific railroad. He explained that the decision of the

Supreme Court, made since the bill passed.

onfirmed the validity of the act forfelting the unearned land of the Atlantic and Pa cific, and said this removed the objection to the House amendment on that subject. Mr. McRae (Ark.) criticised the language of the forfeiture clause, which he thought might be construed to nullify the Supreme Court decision and validate contracts made by the railroads for the sale of forfeited lands under the act of 1887. He thought an amendment should be agreed to which would remove all ambiguity.

Mr. Powers said Mr. McRae's objection was purely technical. The report was agreed to—100 to 24.

had plenty of leisure to prepare the digest. Mr. Johnson (Ind.) said he was surprised that the House should question the propriety of preserving the precedents in election cases. Mr. Johnson (Cal.) made a characteristic speech in opposition to the resolution. He said he had voted for millions upon millions without a guarant hut. FINANCE AND TRADE

committee to investigate the Leavenworth Soldiers' Home, presented the report of that committee, after which, under the arrangement made on Monday, the House proceeded to the consideration of District of Columbia business.

VAULTS INADEQUATE.

Mr. Curtis' Letter to the Senate on the

According to a communication laid before

the Senate today from Acting Secretary

Curtis of the Treasury Department, the

vaults of the treasury building used for

the safe-keeping of bonds, &c., are inade-

quate for the purpose, and there is im-

mediate necessity for the construction and

erection of a fire-proof extension and other

improvements necessary to make the pres-

ent vault burglar-procf. The letter laid

before the Senate today from Mr. Curtis

"The extension is to be entirely burglar-

proof, with two modern doors five inches and three inches thick, respectively; the front of the vault to be three inches thick and sides, ceiling and floor to be one and one-half inches thick. The back, sides, floor and ceiling of the old vault are to be lined throughout with one-and-one-half irch thick material. The present construction of the old vault is one-quarteritch thick, wrought iron plates, and is not

rch thick, wrought iron plates, and is not

"The aggregate amount of bonds held in this vault is \$20,000,000, of which about \$20,000,000 are coupon bonds. The preper custody of so many millions of coupon bonds, payable to bearer, entails a grave responsibility, and it is responsibility, and it is responsibility, and it is responsibility.

responsibility, and it is respectfully sub-mitted that Congress should provide ade-quate protection by the adoption of mod-ern advanced methods of construction to prevent loss by burglary or otherwise. "I earnestly recommend to Congress that this appropriation of \$30,000 be made dur-ing the present session."

AN INTERNATIONAL WEDDING.

Miss Ledyard of Detroit Married to

DETROIT, Mich., February 24.-Mathilda

Cass Ledyard, daughter of the president of

the Michigan Central railroad, was mar-

ried at noon today to Baron Clemens Au-

gust von Ketteler, German minister to

Mexico. The ceremony was performed in St. Peter and Paul's Church by Bishop

Foley, assisted by Father Schafer, rector

Although the wedding was intended to

be unostentatious, a large crowd was pres-

ent. The bride wore a white satin gown.

residence in Mexico.

A civil marriage was also performed yesterday at the bride's home by a justice of

the peace, at which the Episcopal marriage service was read. The bride is a Protes-

the guests present was Baron Thielman, German ambassador at Washington.

New York Republicans.

923 F street last evening to form a perma-

nent organization, which was effected by

appointing and electing the following of-

ficers: President, Mr. A. M. Clapp; first

vice president, Mr. Oliver Gompert; second

vice president, Mr. L. M. Saunders; secre-

tary, Mr. Thos. F. Brown. After adopting a constitution and by-laws and appointing several committees the association adjourned until March 1.

Norfolk's Postmaster.

After a short hearing today in the case

of William T. Anderson, nominated for postmaster at Norfolk, Va., the Senate committee on post offices and post roads decided to report the nomination favorably.

Contract Awarded.

The Secretary of the Treasury has award-

ed to George Moore & Sons of Nashville

the contract for the erection of the govern-ment building at the Nashville exposition.

The International American Bank.

The last meeting of the House commit-

tee on banking and currency was held to-

day, and the committee decided to report

to the House the bill for the incorporation of the International American Bank. The incorporators named in the bill include Cornelius N. Bliss, T. Jefferson Coolidge, Ardrew Carnegle, John F. Hanson of

Georgia, Charles R. Flint of New York, Enoch Pratt of Maryland, H. G. Davis of West Virginia, P. D. Armour of Illinois, M. M. Estee of California, James S. Clark-

son of Iowa and Charles H. Turner of

Government Bonds.

Wheat—May.....
July.....
Corn—May.....
July.....
Onts—May

July...
Oats—May....
July...
Pork—May....
July...

Grain and Cotton Markets.

Baltimore Markets.

BALTIMORE, February 24.—Flour dull, changed—receipta, 15,785 barrels; exporta, 60 rels; sales, 150 barrels. Wheat weak—spot, 88%; May, 81%a81%—receipta, 32,220 bushels; parta, none; stock, 413,078 bushels; sales, 2 bushels—aouthern wheat by sample, 90s01; do.

Quotations reported by Corson & Macart-

The New York Republican Club met at

tant, the groom a Roman Catholic.

Baron von Ketteler.

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of the parish.

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follows:

Developments Wholly Void of Any llons upon millions without a quaver, but this appropriation is a "little too tough" even for him.

He was as liberal with other people's money as any member, but he balked at this appropriation of \$2,500 (laughter). A motion was finally made to commit the resolution to the committee on printing I. New Significance.

CAUTION CAUSED BY FOREIGN ADVICES motion was finally made to commit the resolution to the committee on printing. It resulted, 72-30, whereupon Mr. Johnson (Ird.) made the point of no quorum. The Speaker, however, succeeded in counting a quorum, and declared the motion carried. Mr. Grout (Vt.), chairman of the special committee to investigate the I appearance.

Little Attention Paid to Rumors on the Cuban Situation.

GENERAL MARKET REPORTS

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star.

NEW YORK, February 24.-Today's developments in the stock market were main ly the result of routine influences and wholly void of new significance. The foreign situation continues to inspire caution in the principal European money centers, but prices are well sustained in the belief that a satisfactory solution of the difficulties is at hand.

Washington advices were disposed to attach considerable importance to the unfortunate Cuban complications, but beyord the limits of the room little attention was paid to the various rumors from tha

closing hours of the present Congress may be devoted to measures not entirely pacific in their nature. This possibility has had a tendency to dwarf the enthusiasn inspired

There is always the possibility that the

by the advent of a new administration.

Legitimate business is inconsequential in volume and no increase is expected for at least a fortnight. In the meantime unexpected developments at Washington may

thwart even this prospect.

The buying demand is not consistent with the generally accepted idea of what amounts to sustaining ability. The absence of this demand is counteracted by the absolute unwillingness to sell. This combination of circumstances establishes an equilibrium around which professional traders operate for insignificant fractions. The underlying situation is relied upon to develop rapidly, once the dread of legisla-tion is effectually dispelled. Well-informed interests express confidence in the thorough Americanism of the new Congress, and predict a business session.

once these predictions seem certain of vindication the hesitation on the part of capital will disappear. An uninteresting and purposeless market, without material changes in value, is the most that can be relied upon for the present.

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The necessities of the short interest were largely responsible for the fractional additions recorded during today's session. In sugar a demand of this character added to continued buying by houses identified with the recent strength of the property forced a new high level. The entire industrial list was beneficially influenced by the strength of this active member. In the railroad department Manhattan and Burlington were bought moderately for Burlington were bought moderately for fractional gains. The corn tonnage of the latter and a re-

vival of mysterious assurances as to the merit of the former explain the relative demand. New Jersey Central, in particu-lar, and nearly all of the coal shares were heavy as the result of the announcement that the coal trust would be investigated by the legislative committee.

The results of previous investigations have not been of a character warranting fear of there annoyances. The prevailing dullness of the market naturally admits

duliness of the market, naturally, admits of undue significance petng attached to matters of this kind. Really vital conditions are not discouragirg, and patient waiting may reasonably be expected to bring a justifiable reward.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

The bridesmaid was Miss McMillan, daughter of Senator McMillan, and the groom was attended by Mr. Adolf von Bruening, second secretary of the German embassy at Washington. The following are the opening, the highest and the lowest and the closing prices of the New York stock market today, as reported by Corson & Macartney, members New York stock exchange. Correspondents, Messrs. Mcore & Schley, No. 80 Broadway. After the ceremony a wedding breakfast After the ceremony a wedding breakiast was served to about seventy guests at Mr. Ledyard's residence on Jefferson avenue. The prevailing color in the decorations was green. Later the baron and baroness left for the east, and will shortly begin their residence in Mexico.

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American Sugar. 114% 115% 114% 114% 11% 11% Canada Southern...... Canada Pacific...
Chesapeake & Ohio...
C., C. C. & St. Louis...
Chicago, B. & Q.
Chicago Gas.
C. M. & St. Paul.
C. M. & St. Paul, pfd...
Chicago, R.I. & Pacific...
Consolidated Gas.
Del. Lack. & W. 66% 67% 150 151 66% 150 154% 107 15436 Erie
Geheral Electric 24%
Illinois Central
Lake Shore.
Louisville & Nashville 49%
Metropolitan Traction 107
Mahattan Elevated 89
Michigan Contral 34% 49% 107 87% Michigan Central.... Missouri Pacific.... National Lead Co..... 21 20% 20% tNational Lead Co., pfd. New Jersey Central.... New York Central.... 14% 38% 14% 25% 24% 14% 87% 14% 25% 24%

Phila. & Reading.
Puliman P. C. Co
Southern Ry., pfd.
Phila. Traction
Texas Pacific.
Tenn. Coal & Iron.
Union Pacific.
U. S. Leather, pfd.

Washington Stock Exchange. Sales—regular call—12 o'clock m.—Metropolitan Bailrond, 20 at 107, 6 at 107, 5 at 107. Pneumatic Gun Carriage, 40 at 1.20, 100 at 1.22, 100 at 1.21, 100 at 1.24½, 100 at 1.25, 100 at 1.25, 100 at 1.24½, 100 at 1.25, 100 at 1.24½, 1 at 124½, 1

71% 71%

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27 7% 67% 15%

At the Emergency Hospital this after-noon it was learned that Mr. Kessler, the grocer who was shot by a burglar last

Furnished by W. B. Hibbs & Co., bankers and brokers, 1427 F st., members New York stock exchange, correspondents Messrs. Ladenburg, Thaimann & Co., New York.

24; No. 2 mixed, ziazz-receipus, e., chr. exports, none; stock, 449,671 bushels. Rye easy-No. 2 nearby, 40½,40½; western, 41½,44½-receipts, 11,187 bushels; exports, 17,148 bushels; stock, 245,746 bushels. Hay steady-choice timothy, \$13,50a14. Grain freights very quiet—steam to Liverpool, per bushel, 3d., March; Oork, for orders, per quarter, 3a,3d., March; 2a,1½,d.ala,3d., March and April. Sugar steady, unchanged. Butter west—hancy creamery, 2ha21; do. imitation, 16a, 17; do. ladie, 14a15; good ladie, 11a12; store-packed, 8a12; role, 12a14. Eggs steady—frash, 16%. Cheese firm and active, unchanged. Whisty

cial and civil life, the professions, commerce and industry, assembled to give expression by their presence or voice to their appreciation of the honor done this state for the first time in its history in the choice of one of its sons to a position in the cabinet of the President of the United States, and to ratify the choice made by the chief magistrate of the nation. In responding to the toast proposed by Chairman Jack-scn. "Our distinguished guest, Joseph Mcsen, "Our distinguished guest, Joseph auc-Kenna, we congratulate him on the sta-tion to which he has been called, and wish him a distinguished career in the cabinet councils of the nation," Judge McKenna